

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

Area 1 - Northwest - Range

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: Area 1 - Northwest - Range		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:		Telephone:
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
If the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering "Yes" to the following question. Answering "Yes" to question 1a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the national priority category.	
1. a. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other national level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Quality - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
2. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to animal feeding operations, or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated "impaired water body" (TMDL, 303d, etc.)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a "non-impaired water body"?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer implement conservation practices which:	
3. a. Decrease aquifer overdraft?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. b. Conserve water from irrigation system improvements and saved water will be available for other beneficial uses?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. c. Conserve water in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean Air: Treatment of air quality from agricultural sources - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
4. a. Meet on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. b. Reduce on-farm generated green house gases such as CO2 (Carbon Dioxide), CH4 (Methane), and N2O (Nitrous Oxide)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. c. Increase on-farm carbon sequestration?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Soil Health: Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
5. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. b. Improve soil tilth, organic matter, structure, health, etc.?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Healthy Plant and Animal Communities Wildlife Habitat Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
6. a. Benefit on-farm habitat associated with threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern as identified in a State wildlife plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. b. Help retain wildlife and plant habitat on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
High Quality, Productive Soils, Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Will the proposed project assist the producer implement practices which:	

7. a. Help manage or control noxious or invasive plant species on non-cropland?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. b. Increase, or improve habitat to benefit pollinator or other targeted wildlife species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. c. Properly dispose of livestock carcasses?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. d. Are identified in an Integrated Pest Management plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. e. Are identified in a Nutrient Management plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. f. Apply principles of adaptive nutrient management?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Energy Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practices which:	
8. a. Reduce energy consumption on the agricultural operation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. b. Increase on-farm energy efficiency with practices and improvements identified in an approved energy audit equivalent to criteria required in Ag EMP (122,124)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. c. Assist in implementing energy conservation measures that also reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other air pollutants?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Business Lines - Conservation Implementation Additional Ranking Considerations - Will the proposed project result in:	
9. a. Implementation of all conservation practices scheduled in the contract on the CPA-1155 within three years of date of obligation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. b. Improvement of existing conservation practices or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is accepted?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. c. Implementation of practice(s) which will complete an existing conservation system or suite of practices?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other state level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Wildlife – Will the practices installed facilitate improvement in the habitat for sensitive, threatened, or endangered species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Weeds - Will the practices installed control all invasive species present on the offered acres?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Water Quality – Will practices be installed to improve the identified TMDL impairment adjacent to and/or located less than 1320 feet from a TMDL identified water body?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Grazing Lands - Will the practices installed result in the implementation of a planned grazing system?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Pollinator Habitat – Will this application include development of food, cover, and/or nest sites for native pollinators in accordance with Utah Technical Guide Notice UT238?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
If the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering "Yes" to the following question. Answering "Yes" to question 1 will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the local priority category.	
1. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other Local level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Integrated Pest Management (Answer YES to only one of the following 2-3.)	
2. Will this application implement an intensive IPM plan to control local/county/state invasive/noxious pests and weeds? (plan must include maintaining records for scouting, alternative treatment methods, timing of application, least hazardous chemical use, etc.)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Will this application implement a basic IPM plan to control local/county/state invasive/noxious pests and weeds? (limited scouting, timing of application & following label required)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Impaired Water Quality (Answer YES to only one of the following 4-6.)	

4. Will practices be installed to improve water quality adjacent to and/or located less than 1320 feet from an identified water body (lake, stream, reservoir, TMDL nutrient impaired watershed, etc.) ?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Will practices be installed to improve water quality between 1321 and 2640 feet from an identified water body (lake, stream, reservoir, TMDL nutrient impaired watershed, etc.)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Will practices be installed to improve water quality between 2641 and 5280 feet from an identified water body (lake, stream, reservoir, TMDL nutrient impaired watershed, etc. ?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Conservation Planning (Answer YES to only one of the following 7-9.)	
7. Is the cooperator willing to address 4 or more additional resource concerns?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. Is the cooperator willing to address 3 or more additional resource concerns?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. Is the cooperator willing to address 2 or more additional resource concerns?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Brush Management, Fire Prevention, and Water Distribution	
10. Will brush management practices be installed for the specific control of Juniper species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
11. Does the application include the means to reduce the spread of wildfire (examples: seeding buffers of forage kochia or perennial grasses along key roadways, management practices to reduce the impacts of cheatgrass, removal of junipers)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
12. Will water facility practices be installed to address water supply distribution in areas previously under utilized?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Grazing Plan (Answer yes to only one of the following 13-15.)	
13. Will the cooperator implement a high intensity, short duration rotational grazing system?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
14. Will the cooperator implement a rest rotational grazing system?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
15. Will the cooperator implement a deferred rotational grazing system?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
16. Will salt blocks and other supplements be rotated within the pasture and placed away from watering facilities and/or riparian areas?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
17. Will livestock be fenced away from and/or will watering facilities/feeding areas be located away from any water body to lessen impacts of high concentration?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Rangeland Health (Answer Yes to only one of the following 18-22.)	
18. Is the change in the Rangeland Health Score, as calculated using the designated Rangeland Health scoresheet for EQIP between 1 to 3?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
19. Is the change in the Rangeland Health Score, as calculated using the designated Rangeland Health scoresheet for EQIP, between 4 to 6?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
20. Is the change in the Rangeland Health Score, as calculated using the designated Rangeland Health scoresheet for EQIP, between 7 to 9?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
21. Is the change in the Rangeland Health Score, as calculated using the designated Rangeland Health scoresheet for EQIP, between 10 to 12?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
22. Is the change in the Rangeland Health Score, as calculated using the designated Rangeland Health scoresheet for EQIP, greater than 12?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Wildlife Benefits	
23. Will structural and management practices installed positively affect 2 or more targeted habitat types?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
24. Is the project within or adjacent to a Big Game Wintering Range or Sage Grouse Habitat?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Partner Contribution (Answer Yes to only one of the following 25-26.)	
25. Will this application have secured partner funding for financial and technical assistance that will result in reduced NRCS obligations? (Select yes if secured funding is >25-50% of the total project cost.)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
26. Will this application have secured partner funding for financial and technical assistance that will result in reduced NRCS obligations? (Select yes if secured funding is 25% or less of the total project cost.)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Contract Compliance (if applicable)	
27. Has the applicant had a Farm Bill Contract terminated for non-compliance?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
28. Does the applicant have an active Farm Bill contract that is currently not on schedule, in non-compliance or practices in arrears?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
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Ranking Score

Efficiency:
Local Issues:
State Issues:
National Issues:
Final Ranking Score:

This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

NRCS Representative:	Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for Contract Development unless required by State policy:
Signature Date:	Signature Date: